

To the Members of the California Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 942 without my signature.

This bill attempts to address a legitimate problem in the workers' compensation system. Ensuring that injured workers have access to supplemental job displacement benefit vouchers in a timely manner is an essential component of our comp system.

Unfortunately, rather than addressing existing problems this bill will create more problems. The procedures proposed by this bill for the issuance of vouchers are vague and will encourage litigation over when the vouchers are to be issued and in what amount. We have worked too hard to remove unnecessary litigation from the work comp system to now let it back in.

I encourage the proponents of this measure to work with employers, insurers, and the Division of Workers' Compensation to find a more appropriate solution to the problems with current law.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger